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MEMORANDUM:

STATE OF MAINE  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Augusta, April 13, 1917.

Discharge of enlisted men on account of dependent families.

1. The Secretary of War authorizes the discharge of all enlisted men of the National Guard who have families dependent upon them for support, the members of which would, while the soldier is in Federal service, be entitled to the benefits provided by the Acts of Congress approved August 29 and September 6, 1916, (General Orders 47, War Department, 1916), whether the men desire to be discharged or not.

2. The word "family" as used above, includes only wife, children and dependent mother.

3. No discharge should be granted under this authority without investigation sufficient to determine fully the facts in the case.

GEORGE McL. PRESSON,

The Adjutant General.

3 to a company  
1 to each staff member  
1 to Det. officers  
San. Det. officers